



# WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS — WISCONSIN'S FOX VALLEY

CALUMET, FOND DU LAC, GREEN LAKE, OUTAGAMIE, WAUSHARA, WAUPACA, WINNEBAGO

State of Wisconsin  
Department of Workforce Development

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## Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Decline in September

The region is following a normal seasonal pattern for this time of year in the Fox Valley. The seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate

declined slightly more than average this September. The rate was down 0.3 of a percentage point to 3.7 percent. On average, the rate drops 0.2 of a percentage point between August and September. The average unemployment rate for the month of September for the period 1990—2003 is 3.3 percent, so we are relatively close to the average. The graph on top of page two shows the average rate for each month and compares that with what the rate was during 2004.

Throughout 2004, the rate has remained above the average, but still relatively close. At the same time the

graph also shows the highs and lows for each month over the last 14 years, and all of the monthly rates during 2004 have been below the highs during the period.

Labor Force Estimates (Seasonally Adjusted)			
	Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah Msa	Wisconsin	United States (000's)
September-2004			
Civilian Labor Force	236,439	3,116,300	147,483
Employment	226,520	2,961,400	139,480
Unemployment	9,919	154,900	8,003
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	5.0%	5.4%
Civilian Labor Force	200	700	(221)
Employment	400	(3,900)	(201)
Unemployment	(200)	4,600	(19)
Unemployment Rate	-0.1%	0.2%	0.0%
Civilian Labor Force	1,521	27,000	873
Employment	3,275	44,600	1,836
Unemployment	(1,754)	(17,700)	(963)
Unemployment Rate	-0.8%	-0.6%	-0.7%

Note: All estimates are rounded and preliminary, based on place of residence

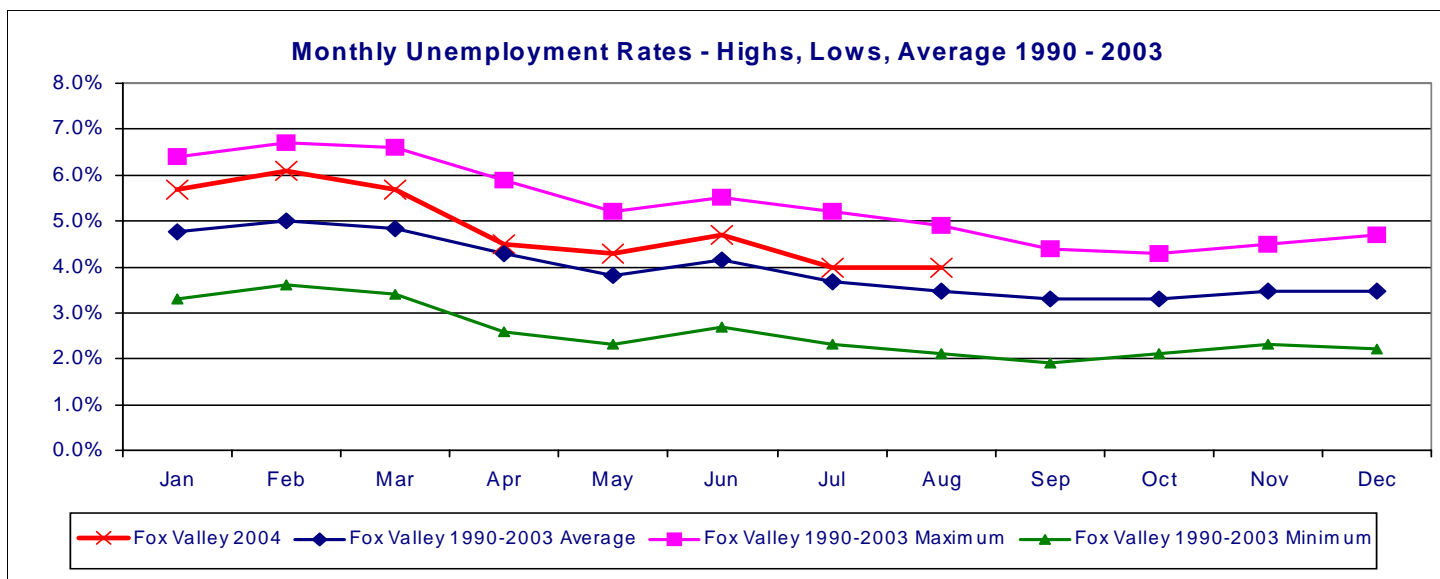
Green Lake County was the only county in the region to have an increase in its monthly rate. The remaining counties in the region had over the month decreases.

All of the counties in the region had unemployment rates well below one year ago. Outagamie County had the smallest over-the-year decrease at 0.5 of a percentage point. The rate in the remaining six counties dropped

between 0.7 and 0.9 of a percentage point. Calumet County had the lowest rate in the region at 3.0 percent, while Waushara County had the highest rate at 4.1 percent.

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Wisconsin Fox Valley Workforce Development Area										
September 2004	Appl/Osh MSA	Calumet	Fond du Lac	Green Lake	Outagamie	Waupaca	Waushara	Winnebago	Fox Valley WDA	Non MSA's
Civilian Labor Force**	235,200	27,200	57,400	10,400	107,000	27,400	12,300	100,900	342,700	107,500
Employed	226,700	26,400	55,300	10,000	103,000	26,300	11,800	97,300	330,100	103,400
Unemployed	8,500	800	2,100	400	4,100	1,100	500	3,600	12,600	4,100
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.0%	3.7%	3.9%	3.8%	3.9%	4.1%	3.6%	3.7%	3.8%
Change from one month ago	August 2004									
Civilian Labor Force**	-3,700	-400	-900	-100	-1,600	-400	-200	-1,600	-5,300	-1,600
Employed	-3,100	-400	-400	-100	-1,400	-300	-100	-1,300	-3,900	-900
Unemployed	-600	-100	-600	0	-200	-100	-100	-300	-1,400	-800
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.2%	-0.3%	-0.9%	0.1%	-0.1%	-0.3%	-0.9%	-0.2%	-0.3%	-0.6%
Change from one year ago	#####									
Civilian Labor Force**	1,700	100	100	0	900	-200	100	700	1,800	100
Employed	3,200	400	500	100	1,500	0	200	1,400	4,100	800
Unemployed	-1,500	-200	-400	-100	-500	-200	-100	-700	-2,300	-800
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.7%	-0.9%	-0.7%	-0.7%	-0.5%	-0.7%	-0.9%	-0.7%	-0.7%	-0.7%



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The number of workers employed as well as the number of workers in the labor force declined during the month. This is also typical for September as summer seasonal jobs end. The labor force normally continue to drop during the next several months, while the region's unemployment will begin to climb in either October and November through March. The labor force was down 5,300 while the number employed declined 3,900. The State of Wisconsin also experienced a decline in the number of workers employed and in the labor force over the month. In September, the Fox Valley WDA had 342,700 workers in the seven county area and 330,100 employed, and 12,600 unemployed.

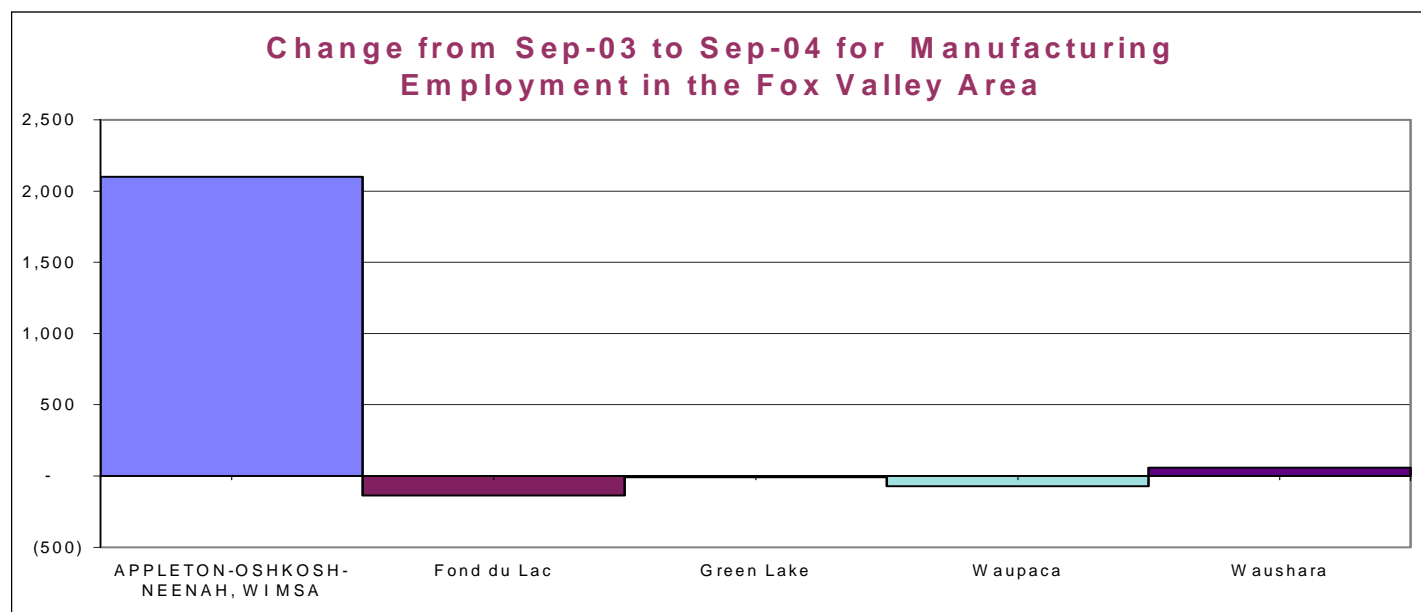
Nonfarm wage and salary (NFWS) employment in the region was down 180 from August. Government employment began to reverse its summer seasonal trend with an increase of 1,400. Not including government employment, the number of jobs in the Fox Valley Area was down 1,600

from August. The total number of jobs estimated in the region is 288,600. This is up 3,700 from last year. Manufacturing was down 800 over the month although it is up 1,900 from one year ago.

#### Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

The seasonally adjusted rate for the Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA was 4.2 percent, down 0.1 of a percentage point from last month. The nation's unemployment rate was 5.4 percent, and Wisconsin's was 5.0 percent.

Rates for other MSA's around the state were: Green Bay, 4.4 percent; Sheboygan, 3.9 percent; Milwaukee, 5.0 percent, Wausau, 4.1 percent, and Madison, 2.6 percent. Four of Wisconsin's eleven MSA's had a decrease in their seasonally adjusted rate, while four were unchanged and three had increases. The Madison MSA had the lowest rate in the state.



<b>Wisconsin Fox Valley Workforce Development Area</b>							
<b>September 2004</b>	<b>Appl/Osh MSA Fond du Lac Green Lake Waupaca Waushara Fox Valley WDA Wisconsin</b>						
<b>Total Nonfarm (NFWS) ***</b>	205,300	48,300	7,500	21,400	6,200	288,600	2,851,200
Total Private	183,500	42,500	6,200	17,400	4,800	254,500	2,455,200
Goods Producing	61,600	13,600	1,700	5,700	1,200	83,800	657,400
Service Producing	143,700	34,700	5,700	15,700	5,000	204,900	2,193,800
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	13,300	2,900	500	900	300	17,900	137,600
Manufacturing	48,300	10,700	1,200	4,800	800	65,900	519,800
Trade	29,900	7,300	1,000	3,100	900	42,200	227,900
Transportation & Utilities	6,900	1,300	300	500	300	9,300	47,600
Financial Activities	10,100	1,900	300	700	200	13,200	161,600
Education and Health Services	21,800	6,200	1,100	2,600	700	32,400	380,100
Leisure & Hospitality	16,600	4,800	900	2,400	800	25,500	259,200
Info., Prof.& Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	36,600	7,500	1,000	2,400	700	48,200	444,900
Total Government	21,800	5,800	1,200	4,000	1,400	34,200	396,000
Federal	1,100	300	100	100	100	1,600	29,500
State	4,000	700	0	900	400	6,000	95,900
Local	16,700	4,800	1,100	3,000	1,000	26,600	270,600
<b>Change from one month ago</b>	<b>August 2004</b>						
<b>Total Nonfarm (NFWS) ***</b>	-600	400	0	100	0	-180	-3,200
Percent change NFWS from last mon	-0.3%	0.8%	-0.6%	0.3%	0.6%	-0.1%	-0.1%
Total Private	-1,200	100	-160	-250	-80	-1,600	-24,400
Goods Producing	-800	-200	-30	-60	-10	-1,100	-9,500
Service Producing	200	600	-20	120	50	900	6,300
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	-200	-100	-20	-20	-10	-300	-4,300
Manufacturing	-600	-200	-10	-40	0	-800	-5,200
Trade	-200	0	-20	-60	-10	-300	3,400
Transportation & Utilities	100	0	0	20	10	200	-900
Financial Activities	-100	0	-10	0	0	-200	-500
Education and Health Services	0	200	-10	-10	-10	200	4,900
Leisure & Hospitality	-400	-100	-100	-100	-100	-800	-16,100
Svcs	200	200	-20	-20	-10	400	-3,100
Total Government	600	300	110	310	120	1,400	21,200
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	-200
State	0	0	0	-20	0	0	4,500
Local	600	300	120	330	120	1,400	16,900
<b>Change from one year ago</b>	<b>September 2003</b>						
<b>Total Nonfarm (NFWS) ***</b>	3,100	600	-100	0	100	3,700	52,900
Percent change NFWS from last year	1.5%	1.2%	-0.7%	0.0%	1.3%	1.3%	1.9%
Total Private	3,200	400	-10	0	120	3,700	54,000
Goods Producing	2,500	-100	0	-70	60	2,400	14,000
Service Producing	600	700	-50	80	20	1,300	38,900
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	400	0	10	0	0	500	1,400
Manufacturing	2,100	-100	-10	-70	60	1,900	12,600
Trade	-500	200	-20	-50	-10	-400	5,800
Transportation & Utilities	-300	-100	10	0	0	-400	-1,300
Financial Activities	-600	0	10	0	10	-600	2,600
Education and Health Services	200	-200	0	20	10	100	10,200
Leisure & Hospitality	300	200	-30	100	30	600	3,300
Svcs	1,600	400	20	10	10	2,000	13,200
Total Government	-100	200	-40	0	-40	0	-1,100
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	-300
State	-500	0	0	30	10	-500	-3,300
Local	400	100	-40	-20	-60	400	2,500
* Seven counties, excluding La Crosse County ** Includes participants residing in area. *** Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted. Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers. NFWS data is benchmarked to 3/2002							

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